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ORDER EXTENDING THE DEADLINES FOR ADOPTION OF PROPERTY TAX RELIEF LOCAL OPTION INCOME TAXES

On July 11, 2007, Governor Daniels directed the Department of Local Government Finance and the Department of Revenue to extend the deadlines for counties to adopt local option income taxes in order to provide direct relief to property taxpayers and to reduce reliance on property taxes in the future.

This extension is granted due to the lack of sufficient information for counties to make decisions on whether to adopt these important property tax relief tools by the August 1 deadline. Accordingly, it is appropriate and necessary for the Department of Local Government Finance and the Department of Revenue to work with counties that adopt as soon as they can, but within a reasonable time after August 1 of 2007, to put the property tax relief local option income taxes in place for the first year of administering the property tax relief program. While it is also clear that the legislature intended the counties to be able to act in time to make these property tax relief options effective for 2007 pay 2008 property taxes, the lack of information requires the administering agencies to extend the deadlines to October 1, 2007.

In accordance with the Governor's instructions, and in conformance with the authority granted under IC 6-3.5-1.1-24(i); IC 6-3.5-1.1-26(i); IC 6-3.5-6-30(q); and IC 6-3.5-6-32(i), the Department of Local Government Finance and the Department of Revenue hereby ORDER that any county desiring to adopt the local option incomes taxes for property tax levy freeze, or to provide dollar-for-dollar property tax relief may do so by adopting the required ordinance before October 1, 2007.

Dated this 30th day of July, 2007.

Cheryl A.W. Musgrave, Commissioner Department of Local Government Finance

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